

The Tense

- (1) present Tense.
- (2) past Tense.
- (3) Future (Time).

(1) present Tense

(a) present simple

Rules - sub + v₁ + obj

Ex - Rama writes a letter.

Ex - They write a letter.

N.B.:- s or es is added to the verbs if the subject is 3rd person singular number of the subject.

(b) present progressive

Rules - sub + is, am, are + v₄ + obj

Ex - Rama is writing a letter.

(c) present perfect

Rules - sub + have, has + v₃ + obj

Ex - We have completed our h.w.

(d) present perfect progressive

Rules - sub + have been, has been + v₄ + obj.

Ex - We have been playing cricket.

(2) past Tense

(a) past simple

Rules - sub + v₂ + obj.

Ex - Rama wrote a letter.

(b) Past progressive

Rules - Sub + was, were + v₁ + obj

Ex - Rama was visiting the Zoo.

(c) Past perfect

Rules - Sub + had + v₃ + obj.

Ex - We had visited the spot.

(d) Past perfect progressive

Rules - sub + had been + v₁ + obj.

Ex - We had been watching TV.

(3) Future (Time)

(a) Simple Future

Rules - Sub + shall, will + v₁ + obj

Ex - I shall go to market.

(b) Future progressive

Rules - Sub + shall be, will be + v₁ + obj.

Ex - We will be writing a letter.

(c) Future perfect

Rules - Sub + shall have, will have + v₃ + obj.

Ex - Rama will have visited the spot.

(d) Future perfect progressive

Rules - Sub + shall have been, will have been + v₁ + obj.

Ex - The boys will have been playing cricket.

Subject-Verb Agreement

A verb must agree with a subject in number and a person.

- (1) Two or more singular Nouns or pronouns joined by and require plural verb.

Ex - Two and two make four.

Ex - Copper and iron are useful metals.

- (2) If two Nouns joined by and referred to the same person or thing or suggest one idea to the mind, the verb is singular.

Ex - The poet and novelist is dead.

Ex - Bread and milk is the patient's food.

- (3) When a singular noun or pronoun is joined to another or pronoun by with, no less than, the verb is singular.

Ex - The doctor with ~~his~~ his attendance is to be blamed.

Ex - silver as well as gold is a precious metal.

- (4) When two Nouns are qualified by each one every, although connected by and they require a singular Verb.

Ex - Every boy and every girl was given a certificate.

- (5) Some noun which are singular verb when the collection is thought of as one whole.

Ex - The jury selected its president.

Ex - The Committee has approved the plan.